

**October 19, 2008 – 18th Sun. after Pentecost. Tone 1.** Prophet Joel (800 B.C.). Martyr Varus, and with him six Monk Martyrs (ca. 307). Translation of the relics of Ven. John, Abbot of Rila in Bulgaria (1238). Bl. Cleopatra and her son John, in Egypt (327). Hieromartyr Sadoc, Bishop of Persia, and 128 Martyrs with him (342). **Epistle:** 2 Corinthians 9:6-11. **Gospel:** Luke 8:5-15.

**Next Sunday, October 26 – 19th Sun. after Pentecost. Tone 2. Epistle:** 2 Cor. 11:31-12:9. **Gospel:** Luke 16:19-31.

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### THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S (October 19, 2008)

#### TODAY

**11:15 AM** Church School and Bible Class  
**11:45 AM** Lunch and Christmas Program Practice for Youth  
**1:00 PM** Family and Youth Trip to Maize Valley Farm (Hartville)

#### TUESDAY

**6:00 PM** Vespers  
**6:30 PM** *Path to Salvation* Class: Epistle of St. James

#### WEDNESDAY

**9:30 AM** Divine Liturgy: reading from the Prologue

#### FRIDAY

**4-7:00 PM** Fish Dinner

#### SATURDAY

**7:00 PM** **Great Vespers** (at St. Demetrios Church; no Vespers here at St. John's)

#### SUNDAY (October 26)

**9:30 AM** Divine Liturgy: 19<sup>th</sup> Sun. after Pentecost (St. Demetrios)  
**11:15 AM** Church School & Adult  
**11:45 AM** Sisterhood Chicken Dinner  
**5:00 PM** Teen Group

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***Basket Collection next Sunday (Oct. 26): St. Mary of Egypt House (Cleveland)***

### COMING EVENTS CALENDAR

**Oct. 26** Sisterhood Chicken Dinner (following Liturgy and Church Sch.)  
**Nov. 10-13** All-American Council (Pittsburgh)  
**Nov. 15** First Day of the Nativity Fast (Advent)

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*Offerings: 10-12-08: \$1,518.00; Attendance: 10-12-08: 110; Candle Commemorations: 10-19-08: Theotokos: -----.* **Altar:** blessed memory of Mitrofan and Anastasia Zylka. **Christ:** blessed memory of Michael Bender.

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**Path to Salvation Class:** the Tuesday evening class begins the study of the *Epistle of St. James* on October 21. All are invited and encouraged to join the class which begins about 6:30 PM following Vespers.



**ADULT CLASS AFTER SUNDAY LITURGY:** Parents and Adults, come and join us in the Hall following Liturgy for an informative Class in Faith and Practice. For the next month and a half (or so), we'll take up issues of Church and Society: Government, Family (gender roles, parenting, sexual orientation), and Life Issues (abortion, capital punishment, life support/extreme medical measures).



**Next Fish Dinner: October 24. All help is needed and welcome. About 25-30 desserts are needed for each Dinner. See Barb McKenzie for more details.**

**TEEN GROUP – meets again at 5:00 PM on October 26:**

All teens of the Parish (those who will be 13 by Dec. 31 to 19 yr.-olds) are invited to join together for dinner, discussion, and plans!!!

**NEW BOILER FUND UPDATE:** to date, \$9,005 has been given toward the cost of replacing our boiler heating system. The goal was \$10,000 by October 5, so thank you to all who have generously given! We just need a little more to put us over the top. The new boiler system has already been installed and is operational.

**Exercise Class here at St. John's - Saturday at 8:30 AM;** all interested persons, come and enjoy. Cathy Cyhan will be leading the class.

**For the month of October** the children will be holding Christmas Stockings at the end of Liturgy, collecting donations for the Christmas Stocking Project of the Orthodox Church in America.

**CHINESE AUCTION – at St. Nicholas Church: today, October 19**

- Doors open at 3:00 P.M.; drawing starts at 4:00 P.M.
- Tickets available for several tables; refreshments will be available.

**Classic Literature Reading Group**

**Current Book: *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, by Harriet Beecher Stowe**  
*at Borders Café (Hwy. 46 near the Eastwood Mall)*  
*every Wednesday from 11:00 AM to Noon*

The group is facilitated by Fr. Jonathan. Everyone is welcome to join.

**Relay for Life Team News:**

- **2009 Entertainment Books** are for sale; they are \$25 each. See Mary Gearhart if you are interested in purchasing a book.
- **Upcoming Garage Sale** – the date is yet to be announced.

**Vespers Reminder for Next Saturday Evening:**

We will join the faithful at St. Demetrios Church (on High St.) next Saturday evening for Vespers, beginning at 7:00 P.M., in honor of their patronal feast day. Great Vespers WILL NOT be served here at St. John's on Saturday evening, October 25.

***FYI: Our Teen Group is making plans to travel next June to our new Diocesan monastery in Marshfield, Missouri, Presentation of the Virgin Mary Monastery. We hope to work a couple of days at the monastery and then spend one day in Branson, Missouri, for recreation. All teens of the parish, come and join in the plans!***

**19<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival of Icons – November 1, 2008**

*Morning Speaker:* Fr. Patrick Reardon (Church & State)

*Afternoon Events:* Dennis Bell, Iconographer

St. Nicholas Balalaika Ensemble (1:30)

St. John's Choir (3:30)

***See the flyer on the bulletin board for more info.***

**19<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival of Icons**

**November 1, 2008**

Event Schedule

8:30 A.M. Molieben (Prayer) Service

9:00 A.M. Registration

9:30 A.M. Fr. Patrick Reardon  
*Church and State, Part 1*

10:15 A.M. Break/browse bookstore

10:30 A.M. Fr. Patrick Reardon  
*Church and State, Part 2*

11:30 A.M. Lunch/Church Tours

- 12:30 P.M. Dennis Bell, Iconographer  
*Icon Basics w/slide show*
- 1:30 P.M. St. Nicholas Balalaika Ensemble
- 2:30 P.M. Dennis Bell (Q & A)
- 3:30 P.M. St. John the Baptist Choir
- 5:00 P.M. Great Vespers

*You must pre-register to receive lunch.*

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**STEWARDSHIP**

[Greek: *oikonomia*; hence, the English: *economy*]

***Stewardship is...***

- literally, “managing the house” (of God; Luke 12:42f.);
- the divine plan of salvation fulfilled in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the God-man (Eph. 3:2, 9);
- the life of Christ active in us, the members of His Body, the Church (Col. 1:25-26);
- our common life of glory to God for our creation, redemption, and likeness to Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 9:17).

***Stewardship is not just...***

- collecting money and paying bills;
- financial planning;
- volunteering time at Church functions.

*“And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.” (2 Corinthians 9:8)*  
Read 2 Corinthians 8-9. These chapters contain a short course on Christian stewardship.

The divine *economy* – stewardship – runs on Grace and Love (2 Cor. 8:8-9), that is, union with the Lord Jesus Christ. If Christ Jesus has given us His all, then we in turn give our all to Christ and all people for whom He died and rose again. The profit is the glory of God, prayer, thanksgiving, and mutual support (2 Cor. 9:12-14).

The tools of our stewardship are as follows: liturgical prayer, tithing, study of the Holy Scriptures, the lives of the saints, visitation of the needy, sharing of our services, etc. The goal is to *become like Christ*, for herein is forgiveness, life, and salvation.